Camphene and a-Pinene Interaction with N₂O₄ and Concentrated HNO₃

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Camphene (I) interaction with N₂O₄ results in the following compounds (II-IV):

Their ratio depends on the presence of zeolite in the reaction medium and solvent nature. The formation of primary nitrosation product (III), easily converted into 2-exo-hydroxy-1-cyano-7,7-dimethyl proved to be an unexpected result under these conditions.

The result of interaction of (I) with conc. HNO₃ slightly depends on the presence of zeolite: isobornyl nitrate is the main product.

 α -Pinene (V) interaction with N_2O_4 results in a mixture of nitro- and nitrosocompounds (VI-IX):

$$N_2O_4$$
 O_2NCH_2 VI
 O_2N
VIII

VIII

IX

The absence of rearrangement into compounds with norbornane or menthane skeleton, usual for acidic medium, provides a peculiarity of olefine (V) behaviour in the reaction with N_2O_4 . At the same time terpineol nitrate resulted from compound (V) by interaction with conc. HNO₃.